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COMRADES!

We are very seriously contemplating changing the Christian Socialist back from a weekly to a semi-monthly. The response made THIS WEEK by our readers to the various renewal offers, subscription offers and book bargain offers, and the response to the letters sent out to friends of this paper, will decide the question. If you want this paper to remain a weekly and continue to stand for what it stands for, now is your chance to prove it by doing your very best. This may be the last issue of the weekly.

It would be a sad commentary upon the moral courage of the American Socialists if the Christian Socialist weekly were forced to suspend in the face of the official reopening of the Barnes case at the National Convention—a commentary of which the enemies of Socialism would be quick to make extremely damaging use.

Therefore, if you love the Socialist cause and wish to stand for its highest welfare, do something worth while at once.

If we must change back to a semi-monthly, the next issue will bear date of July 1, though it will probably appear earlier.

And if we do make the change, all subscriptions obtained for the weekly will be fairly prorated on the semi-monthly basis. So work away.

PARTNERS

The greatest need of the Christian Socialist movement today is more good literature, books and pamphlets. We must build up a strong library of such literature to offset the atheistic and free love literature published by other Socialist publishers and offered as "Socialist" books, which has done so much harm to our movement and which has so greatly delayed the progress of the Socialist cause all over the world.

We now have in manuscript and in preparation, ready soon to be published and put into service so much needed, some splendid and powerful books and pamphlets by some of our best known C. S. authors.

Moreover, we have ready and waiting a splendid Christian Socialist lecture staff to push our literature and to spread our great principles into every state in the Union this year.

But all this takes capital, and capital is just what we do not have, and never have had.

If we had $10,000, or even $5,000, now, we could get all this work started this month and do wonderful things for the Socialist movement this year.

It would seem that this amount ought to be very easily obtained from our more than fifty thousand readers. Men give thousands of dollars to help build churches, colleges, Y. M. C. A.'s, etc., etc.—all very good. But is not a thousand or even a hundred dollars invested in this great Christian Socialist movement far more remunerative for time and eternity?

I believe if our comrades once fully realize what they can do with their money in this direction, it will be a very easy matter to raise this amount.

IF ONLY FIVE HUNDRED LOYAL COMRADES WILL TAKE ONE SHARE OF STOCK EACH THIS WEEK, AND MANY COULD TAKE MANY MORE, THE TASK IS DONE AND WE WILL BE READY FOR THE GREATEST CAMPAIGN FOR SOCIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS EVER MADE.

Will you be one of the 500 comrades who will either take this one share of stock this week, or HELP US FIND THE MAN WHO CAN AND WILL?

We are in position to do great things for Christian Socialism if you give us the opportunity.

Will you?

Don't wait!

HARVEY P. MOYER, President.

MRS. CARR'S LECTURE TRIP

After attending the sessions of the General Fellowship Conference, held at Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Ella Carr, secretary of the Chicago Christian Socialist Fellowship, lectured at points in Ontario and Michigan on her way to Chicago.

St. Thomas, Ontario

The first date was at St. Thomas, Ontario, where she spoke Sunday afternoon, April 28, in the Central Methodist Church, to an audience of three hundred people. Mayor R. W. Price introduced Mrs. Carr and said that he believed the Methodist Church needed no apology for a Socialist lecture, inasmuch as John Wesley, its founder, did not stand for a creed but rather for "the living of a life," and that was his conception of Socialism.

By invitation of the pastor, Mrs. Carr spoke at the regular Sunday evening service at the Grace Methodist Church to an audience of about seven hundred people who came through the rain to hear her. Rev. Knowles introduced her in a fitting manner and after the address expressed his approval, as well as others who were glad to hear the message of Christian Socialism.

Comrade Albert Roberts, one of the leading citizens of St. Thomas, and who, with Comrade J. W. Burns, arranged Mrs. Carr's date here, sent a write-up of these meetings from which we quote in part as follows:

"Both meetings were a success from point of numbers and interest. Mrs. Carr gave excellent addresses, which were listened to with keen interest. She gave an outline of the Christian Socialist movement, stating that its object was to enlist the sympathy and interest of Christian people in the work of the Social Salvation of Humanity. She gave also a review of the great revolutionary movement and urged the church people to align themselves with it, ere it be too late. She clearly showed that the Bible contains a social as well as an individual message, and that Jesus was a Reformer in the broad sense. She also made clear that true religion changes the inward status of the soul which must inevitably reflect itself upon environment.

"Altogether, the visit of Mrs. Carr did much good and made a lasting impression upon many, especially upon a number of women, among them teachers, who had hitherto been misled concerning the tenets of Socialism."

Comrade Roberts and his dear wife entertained Mrs. Carr at their pleasant home.

Brantford, Ontario

Wednesday evening, May 1, Mrs. Carr spoke at Brantford, Ont., in the Congregational Church, to an audience of one hundred people. The pastor, Rev. M. Kelly, assisted Comrades J. B. Carnegie and J. W. Fogal in making the arrangements. As letters concerning this meeting have been received, we quote from the same:

"Your lecture here has done a world of good for Socialism, and I have heard nothing but praise of you since you left. The fact that you held your audience spell-bound for nearly two hours was certainly a surprise to many. The one regret is that the whole city did not hear you and the question is asked, 'Will ye noo come back again?' Yours for Socialism,

"J. B. Carnegie."

"Mrs. Carr gave us a fine lecture. One comrade said it was the most revolutionary lecture he ever heard and was sorry when she closed, as he could have listened for another two hours with pleasure. Another said the lecturer gave him a new light on several passages of Scripture. Others wanted to know when Mrs. Carr will be here again, as they heard so much about the lecture. Mrs. Carr goes at her subject with her whole being aflame. She is letting her light shine from the hill tops that others may see the way. She is a power in the Socialist movement. We want her here again if the opportunity presents itself, and we do not anticipate any trouble in getting a church next time. From your comrade, J. W. Fogal, Brantford."

Also from the pastor of the church in which she spoke at Brantford, came the following letter, quoted in part:

"I take pleasure in stating that Mrs. Carr lectured to an appreciative audience on Christian Socialism. She has a pleasing voice, an earnest manner and fills her lecture full of stimulating facts. During her lecture she dealt with the distressing conditions of society and the inadequate remuneration of labor. Her hope was that Christian Socialism would correct all these conditions and ultimately establish the kingdom of God on earth.

"(Rev.) Matthew Kelly."

Port Huron, Michigan

Thursday evening, May 2, Mrs. Carr spoke in the South Park Baptist Church at Port Huron, Mich. She was introduced by Comrade H. C. Kaumeeir, who, with Comrade Ormsby, arranged the date there. Though the audience was not large, the attention given was splendid and the pastor of the church expressed his interest and said he must have the Christian Socialist, to which he subscribed. Mrs. Carr was very cordially entertained by Comrade Ormsby's dear old mother, who has a bright, liberal mind, though she is in her seventies.

Vestaburg, Michigan

Friday evening, May 3, at a church two miles from Vestaburg, Mrs. Carr spoke to an earnest audience of farmers and their wives and children. Comrade Frank Dalrymple arranged the date here, and also introduced the speaker. The farmers are taking great interest in our message; for they, too, are being exploited as much as the wage workers of the cities, and we should reach many more of them than we are at present with our message of hope.

Greenville, Michigan

Saturday evening at Greenville an audience of about one hundred people greeted Mrs. Carr in the new Socialist headquarters, which the comrades worked hard to fit up in good shape for their growing local and which will seat three hundred people. The local has splendid facilities now for doing excellent work during the campaign. Mrs. Carr's date was arranged by the local through Comrade J. B. Taylor, one of the loyal supporters of the **Christian Socialist.**

After the address here, Mrs. Carr had an informal meeting with some of the ladies and urged them to join the local and help the men. They promised to do so, and, while Mrs. Carr later was at Indianapolis attending the annual meeting of the Woman's National Committee, one of the Greenville comrades attending the convention reported to her that nine of the women joined the local since she had lectured there. This means much more effective work there for the cause. Comrade Mrs. Evey, who has recently moved to Greenville, has a splendid record as an able worker and will do much to inspire the woman comrades to do their part. Success to them! Mrs. Carr was entertained at the beautiful home of Comrades Mr. and Mrs. Huntley.

Belding, Michigan

Sunday afternoon, May 5, Mrs. Carr spoke in the Congregational Church at Belding. Though the attendance was small, some received their first real light on the great Social revolution. The prayer of the pastor that afternoon showed much sympathy with our cause. Comrade M. L. Home, who arranged the date here, writes the following: "The Socialists think Mrs. Carr's talk the best ever. It was the first I ever heard from a representative of the party, and I liked it splendidly. Hope she will come again."

Comrade O. A. Nummer and wife, who entertained Mrs. Carr at their home in the country, also arranged a visit to the silk mills for her, which she much enjoyed.

Cannonsburg, Michigan

Monday evening, at Cannonsburg, nine miles from the nearest railroad station, Mrs. Carr gave her address in the Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. Aug. L. Felt, and Comrade Rood arranged the date. Rev. Felt has been a Socialist for ten years and is doing a noble work in that community. The attendance was small owing to a hard rain about the time for the meeting. But what the audience lacked in quantity it made up in quality; for the pastors of the Methodist and Baptist churches of Rockford drove nine miles to hear Mrs. Carr's address on the "Social Salvation of Humanity." After the lecture these two pastors, with Rev. Felt and others, remained and spent another hour asking questions which were answered by the speaker and Comrade Felt, who said he was well repaid for his effort and expense in arranging this meeting. He and his splendid wife gave Mrs. Carr the cordial hospitality of their home.

Coldwater, Michigan

The last date was at Coldwater, where the comrades of the local tried to secure a church, but, having failed, they rented a large hall. Two hundred people were present, among them some ministers, and Mrs. Carr for an hour and a half poured out her soul and spoke with deep earnestness of the great truths that will be the foundation of the Co-Operative Commonwealth or the Kingdom of God on earth. She held her audience with close attention and impressions were no doubt made that will not be forgotten. This date was arranged through Comrade W. C. Smith, for a long time a loyal supporter of the **Christian Socialist.** Comrade Smith presented the matter to the Socialist local and through the hard work of the very able and efficient secretary, Comrade Bert Ball, the meeting was made a success by thorough advertising. Mr. and Mrs. Ball also beautifully entertained Mrs. Carr in their very pleasant home.

Meetings in Churches

Of the nine addresses made on this short trip, seven of them were held in churches, and many church people were reached who would not have gone to a hall to hear a Socialist address. If the Comrades will persevere in their efforts they can in many places get admission to the churches for our speakers, who present Socialism from the Christian view-point. At St. Thomas, Ont., in one day, with two addresses about one thousand people were reached, mostly non-Socialists, and in two of the leading churches of the city. Comrade Roberts succeeded in getting the one after it had been refused. We cannot neglect this tremendous field among the churches. Many of our best and most intelligent people are in the churches, and when once their prejudice is removed they will eagerly work for our cause.

Mrs. Carr expresses her gratitude to all the good comrades who so splendidly entertained her in their homes on this trip. The memory of their cordial hospitality and their companionship and fellowship in this great work is as the lingering perfume of sweet flowers. She will hold these new friends dear in her memory for many years to come.

BEREAVEMENT

Three of the families most intimately associated with the **Christian Socialist** since it started have been recently bereaved.

Ralph, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Donaldson, Webster City, Iowa, has left his earthly play and study for the brighter school of the heavenly, leaving a measureless void in his parents' hearts. He was their only son.

Mrs. Strobell, wife of George H. Strobell of Newark, N. J., passed beyond after a lingering illness. She was a lovely lady and a charming hostess.

Jessie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Kirkpatrick of Chicago, their first born and last of four children, a beautiful Christian character, loyally devoted to noble work for God and humanity, has been called to a new field of labor and joy in "the better land."

The sympathy of many goes out to these bereaved comrades. May God comfort and strengthen their hearts!

PREACHED SOCIALIST SERMON

The Utica, N. Y., Daily Press reports an interesting sermon favoring Socialism, by Rev. H. C. Ledyard of Canton. The secretary of the Socialist local, J. L. Crandall, also speaks well of it.

A GREAT HELP—RENEWALS

Neglect is our greatest enemy. Many comrades with great effort and sacrifice secure many new subscriptions to the **Christian Socialist,** but they neglect the most important duty of seeing that these subscriptions are renewed at the time of expiration. Many even forget to renew their own subscriptions until after we have been compelled to go to the expense of taking their names off the list, necessitating the further expense of putting them back on again.

To encourage as many as possible to avoid this loss and disappointment and to help us specially now in this financial need, we make this special offer to all who will renew their subscriptions NOW, even though their expiration may be several weeks or months away. So, on the receipt of ONE DOLLAR NOW we will extend your subscription one year from the expiration date and will give you the choice of any one of the following premiums as a reward for your help and promptness:

(1) A beautiful crimson cloth-bound copy of Moyer's "Songs of Socialism," (2) Three copies of Thompson's "Christian Elements in the Socialist Movement," (3) Vail's "Principles of Scientific Socialism," (4) "The Golden Rule Republic," (5) "Maud Muller's Ministry" (a novel), (6) Six copies of the "Socialist Campaign Songs," (7) Spargo's great vocal solo "The Torch of Liberty," with piano accompaniment by Platon Brunoff, (8) Or any other 25 cents worth of our literature. Unless you renew before your subscription expires we cannot send the premium.

As you expect to renew your subscription any way, you can help yourself and mightily help us and the great campaign work this summer if five thousand of you subscribers will take advantage of this splendid offer now.

This week is the most acceptable time. Get busy!

THE CHILD-SLAVE'S PRAYER

M. J. Connolly

O Christ! who did the children love,
  We pray Thee listen to our cry.
Oh, haste Thee from Thy throne above,
  And save the children ere they die.

All day we toil, 'mid dust and noise,
  With iron engines run a race—
And we're such little girls and boys—
  It's awful hard to keep the pace!

I am but ten. I've worked four years,
  A-running, mending broken threads.
Sometimes I'm blinded by my tears
  And can not see to mend the threads.

From where I stand I see the sun,
  I see the birdies flying by.
When work is done there is no sun,
  For then the stars are in the sky.

Once, I have heard, a savage red
  A babe did brain against a tree.
O Christ! I wish that I were dead—
  I wish that baby had been me!

The priest, he tells us to work on—
  Be faithful, and that when we die
We'll have a harp to play upon,
  In some nice place beyond the sky.

O Christ! If I had time to rest—
  Lie on the grass beneath the trees,
And hear the birdies in their nest,
  And feel my face fanned by the breeze,

I think I then could happy be,
  I think I'd ask no other heaven:
Just there to lie, and rest and see
The clouds float 'neath the floor of heaven!

My prayer, O Christ! Oh, list, I pray—
  Is that from sleep I ne'er shall wake;
After the labor of this day,
  My soul, O Blessed Jesus, take!

AUSTRALIA'S CAPITAL CITY

The first minutely planned city in the world is to be the capital city of the commonwealth of Australia, and Walter Burley Griffin of Chicago is its designer. He has won the cash prize of $8,750 in a government contest in which he competed with over 800 architects Mr. Griffin's plan contemplates a city 25 miles square, on a site which is now an Australian wilderness. It provides for an immediate population of 75,000, with an allowance for increase at the rate observed in other national capitals. The plan is described as of the radial type—one principal center from which streets and boulevards radiate to other centers and thoroughfares to subordinate centers. It provides for everything the city will need of a public utilities fund. There will be but one railroad, which will tunnel the brow of a hill and pass through a depression in the city and around the governmental center. The site is in the Province of Canberra, about halfway between Melbourne and Sidney, on the Mohonglo River, seventy-five miles from the seaboard.—The Public.

The time will come when cities will no longer spring up by chance in unhealthy, inconvenient places and grow planless like the crooked cow paths of London. They will all be located and built on scientific principles when society "finds itself." All cities might now be beautiful, convenient, healthy and happy, if science were applied to social need instead of to commercial greed.

Science is knowing and Art is doing. You find the Art of Socialism in the Socialist Crusaders; they are doing something.

POLITICS

On the morning of the day when the speech was to be delivered, seeing Lord Salisbury passing into the study, I said to him:

"I suppose you are going to think over what you will say tonight?"

"No," he said, in his ironical way, "rather to think over what I must not say."—Philadelphia Record.

A HOT TIME

"At this point," said the narrator, "she broke down and wept scalding tears." "My goodness," exclaimed the listener, "she must have been boiling over with rage."—Chicago News.

AN APPEAL TO THE PARTY

By Rev. J. W. Wells, Delegate to the National Convention from California

It is a very sad and embarrassing fact that some of our leaders in the very last moments of the National Convention should have opened up the Barnes case afresh, by nominating him for campaign manager. All of us felt that we had had enough of this in the past.

Without a word of warning, at a time so close to adjournment that there was no chance for the opposition to gather, **a new national office was created for Barnes,** and his election was railroaded through in spite of vigorous protests on the part of some. In the confusion many could not hear what was going on.

Yet even this was not enough, so Comrade Hillquit must say in advocating the selection of Barnes: "We should **compensate** Comrade Barnes for the persecutions he has endured," etc. Comrade Strickland denounced the action of the **Christian Socialist** (in simply publishing the facts) as "infamous." Comrade Goebell, who was chairman of the convention for the day, said emphatically that he "was for Barnes, **and that he was not ashamed to say so.**" (Why should he feel it necessary to **say** he was not ashamed?)

Even now, with Comrade Carr turned out of the party merely for printing the evidence, and Comrades Barnes "vindicated" and exalted, we might be silent **if the action did not mean so much to the movement.** But if this hasty, ill-advised action of a few of the leaders of the party in forcing the National Convention to endorse Barnes is allowed to pass unrebuked, **then we can no longer say that free-love is merely the attitude of isolated individuals; it thus has the official stamp of approval of the National Convention of the Socialist Party of America, and the comrades of the party everywhere should protest vigorously and unceasingly, for it is well known that the Barnes case involved free love, or promiscuous intercourse of sexes.**

It is with a feeling of deep regret and heartache that I have penned the above statements, and that I am forced to add to the burden of Comrade Barnes and his victims by demanding

The Recall of Barnes

as the only means by which to rid the movement of this damning blight. Our movement represents the very highest standards when applied to the political, industrial and commercial world.

Shall evolution fail at the crucial point? Shall Socialism declare to the world that it will do away with the home—the basic unit of our social structure? Even the birds of the air and the beasts of the jungle confirm the wisdom of monogamy for sex relations and condemn the quagmire of promiscuous intercourse offered in the Barnes decision.

And unless the comrades of the rank and file of the party speedily start a national referendum and annul this most unwise and unfortunate action, the Socialist Party will suffer great shame and loss during the campaign and for years to come.

RESOLUTIONS OF CHICAGO CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST FELLOWSHIP

Whereas, The recent National Convention of the Socialist Party has elected as campaign manager J. Mahlon Barnes who had lately been ousted from the national secretaryship of the party because of his immoral life; and,

Whereas, By this act the leaders of the Socialist Party have brought disgrace upon the Socialist movement, and have thereby justified, in the eyes of the world, the oft repeated charges of immorality against our cause; therefore be it,

Resolved, That we, the Chicago Center of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, do strongly condemn this unwise action of the National Socialist Party Convention. And be it further

Resolved, That we urge upon all members of the Socialist Party who stand for the honor, progress and highest welfare of the Socialist movement to repudiate this action of the National Convention, and to initiate a referendum to annul this shameless appointment; and,

Resolved, That we forward copies of these resolutions to all state secretaries, Socialist editors and other representative Socialists, asking their aid to remove as quickly as possible this moral blight from our party, to the end that we may all work together harmoniously on our glorious platform with our noble standard bearers and make this campaign the grandest and greatest in the history of the Socialist Party. (Signed)

H. P. MOYER,
President.
MRS. ELLA CARR,
Secretary.

The BARNES INCIDENT AGAIN

By Alexander Irvine in the California Social Democrat

I could not understand the loyalty of the old National Executive Committee to the former national secretary. He was made chairman of the convention one day, and on the last day Hillquit arose and nominated Barnes for chairman of the new Campaign Committee (that is, campaign manager). It was astounding to me. Hillquit defended Barnes and precipitated a fight on the floor of the convention, but he won out, and Barnes received the nomination. Barnes is a man who may be an efficient executive officer, but there are scores of better men.

CONCRETE EXAMPLES

By Elizabeth Cotner

"I want to ask you a question," my next door neighbor said to me today. "I know it isn't true. I am sure it is some sort of calumny," she continued apologetically, "but I promised to ask you. Mrs. M.'s son is a rabid Socialist, and he says he believes in 'free love,'—that all Socialists do. He claims he doesn't have any use for marriage or family ties, and his mother is heart broken. I am sure that it is all a mistake," she repeated, "for I know you do not stand for any such ideas."

My heart sank within me, for I, too, know Mrs. M. She is a cultured, queenly woman from a wealthy old Kentucky family. She has passed through financial reverses and loss of social position. But her courage has never failed; for she still has her devoted husband, her two children, and, as she said to me, "my mother's faith." All the ambitions of her mother heart are centered chiefly in the life of her boy. She told me several years ago that he was interested in Socialism; and, as a militant Socialist, I had gathered up some literature to help him along. And now, like a flash, came the question to me—"What little part may I have had in bringing this young man to his present attitude, and in bringing to these parents as keen a sorrow as they have ever known?"

I assured my neighbor that such lax morality was no part either of the philosophy or program of real Socialism regardless of what a few leaders may advocate or practise.

A month ago I should have said that our party was taking radical steps to refute all charges to this effect. But with the closing scene of the National convention fresh in my mind, what refutation can now be truthfully made?

Some months ago a National W. C. T. U. lecturer called at the Daily Socialist office for information concerning the principles and work of the Socialist Party movement; and, in substance, made the same inquiries about this phase of so-called Socialist doctrine. It was promptly denied, and as a concrete proof that a decided stand was being taken against even the appearance of Party recognition of such principles, it was cited that a National official had just been removed from office for such cause.

But, since this self same official has now been appointed, with honor and laudation, as campaign manager of the Socialist Party, what shall be our defense against charges that the party sanctions immorality unless this appointment be speedily repudiated by the rank and file of the Socialist movement?

A few days ago several Catholic priests on a street car were overheard discussing the appointment of the Socialist campaign manager. It w[illegible]ifestly very satisfactory to both, as one exclaimed, "I told you what they would do with him."

It may have been a more or less dramatic scene at the closing of the Indianapolis convention, when a comrade delegate so far forgot the eternal principles that had moulded his early life as to stand with uplifted arms and declare that 'both hands were out' for one whose moral blight had forced the N. E. C. to demand a resignation from official position.

But, it would be a thousandfold more thrilling and effective, too, if a hundred thousand comrades should take their stand and, with uplifted hands, declare themselves in everlasting sympathy with the forces in the Socialist movement that make for the redemption of the masses from want, oppression, and WRONG-DOING.

Then would the movement take on new impetus and appeal to every class and condition of mankind.

DEFEAT IT

The machine struck a foul blow at the referendum and government by the party membership when it inserted in the new constitution the provision that state organizations only shall have power to initiate referendums, **taking this power away from the party locals.** It will require from three to five state organizations (according to the number of their members) to order a referendum if this indefensible anti-democratic constitutional change occurs. As the party law now stands, any local may make a motion for a referendum, and when enough locals scattered all over the nation second the motion to aggregate 5 per cent of the total membership, the referendum goes to the rank and file for vote. This makes it difficult for any but the machine to start a referendum; but the proposed change would make a referendum for any but the machine men almost impossible.

Defeat the proposed change, and the old law will stand.

WATCH THIS

You will probably observe that the "party owned" papers and the papers owned or "influenced" by the machine men will maintain "a discreet silence" with reference to the Barnes case, the plan to take the initiative of referendums from the hands of the party locals, and other obnoxious things. If they say anything at all concerning these matters, they will mostly condemn discussion and cry, "Treason!" "Don't!" "It will hurt the party" (machine), "It will lessen our vote," "Sh-sh-sh, the capitalist papers may report it," etc.

And so long as the party membership allows itself to be hoodwinked and scared by such false and foolish superstitions, so long will the party suffer from corrupt, undemocratic rule.

Secrecy is a deadly enemy of democracy and freedom. Let everything be open to all men.

TWO PROPOSITIONS

1. **Send us lists of picked names of men and women,** with 5c per name, and we will send to their individual address a bundle of six assorted samples of the **Christian Socialist** including two of our recent special editions. As we have to address the wrappers for these, it is a very great service for so little money. Send the names of preachers and teachers upon separate sheets plainly marked.

2. Send us the money—all you can spare—and we will send (for each 5c you remit) six assorted samples of the **Christian Socialist** to a minister of any denomination you prefer. (We have the year books of the various churches with the names and latest addresses of the ministers.)

These two plans afford you a chance to use your campaign money to the best possible advantage. **Begin now.** Better circulate these papers now before the old party excitement and prejudice rises too high. **Now is the time to strike.** A dollar spent now for campaign material is worth two spent during the last exciting months before election day.

"I do not want to be left out. Here are two subs. Put me on the roll as a Socialist Crusader."

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Let Us Have Faith that Right Makes Might, and in This Faith Dare to Do Our Duty.— Abraham Lincoln.

The Christian Socialist takes counsel of its principles and not of its fears.

A DEAD LION OR A LIVE DOG?

In the days of his degeneracy, materialism and pessimism King Solomon said: "Better be a live dog than a dead lion." But Solomon was wrong. I would rather be a dead lion than a live dog any day.

It would be better and far more honorable for a man or a paper to be dead—even if death did end all—than to live in corrupt or cowardly silence in the face of hideous wrong and infamy.

Of course, John the Baptizer was a hotheaded fool who deserved to lose his life. If he had only possessed the "tact" to keep his mouth shut about Herod's adulteries he might have lived several years longer and, had he been willing further to emasculate himself, he might possibly have obtained a job as scrubman in Herod's harem. Had he done so history need never have troubled itself to preserve his name. Cowardly, time-serving souls have always been more anxious for "tact" than for truth, for the approval of clique or party than for character, righteousness and justice. But John the Baptizer was not of that sort, else we would not be studying his life and words in Sunday School two thousand years after his death. (See page 7.)

OUR SORROW

It is with unspeakable regret that we are compelled to refer again to the Barnes case and to raise our protest against a most reckless and shameless move of the official clique at the recent national convention of the Socialist party. This startling renewal of the efforts of certain men to rehabilitate the late discredited national secretary and restore him to prominence and power in the party thrusts upon the loyal Socialists of America a battle for principle which they dare not ignore. All true Socialists will deplore the action of the convention which lays upon the campaign at its very beginning an incubus which will curse it to its close unless the comrades quickly arise everywhere and demand a speedy change. **The Christian Socialist** has suffered so much already on account of Barnes and his unscrupulous supporters that we would gladly drop the matter forever; but duty to the party and to the movement forbids that course, and we enter the contest again to serve the cause at any cost. And we feel sure that the comrades of intelligence and character will stand by us.

DEEP DISGRACE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

The election of the proved and self-confessed adulterer, J. Mahlon Barnes, **alias James Keep**, as campaign manager of the Socialist Party of 1912, is a crime against every worthy Socialist and a slander upon the Socialist movement of America more vile and injurious than was ever uttered by capitalist journal or Roman priest; **and that act of the National Convention, unless repudiated by the Socialist Party, is a confession that the party does stand for free love**— for liberties against clean men, and for base and criminal party methods against methods of honesty and decency.

When Morris Hillquit argued for the creation of a new office in the party—which practically outranks the National Secretaryship for the time—and the election of J. Mahlon Barnes to that office as a "compensation" for having been removed from the national office (**on proof and confession of his gross immorality**), Hillquit confessed his own cowardice and injustice; for if the removal of Barnes from the national office was a wrong, the old N. E. C., including Hillquit, are guilty. But the removal of Barnes was not an injustice, it was a forced **confession** by them that he was proven guilty.

We have nothing against Barnes personally; but he has chosen to represent by his evil example in person and as an official of the party the very worst evils that the enemies of Socialism charge against it, and with Barnes in any national office of the Socialist Party IT IS RANK HYPOCRISY for the officials of the party to deny the charge of free love hurled against the movement.

"COMPENSATION"

Speaking of "compensation," who will "compensate" his victim for the wreck of her life and the support of Barnes' child? Who will "compensate" Barnes' legal wife for her injuries and sorrows? and his children by these different women for their shame?

Who will "compensate" Mother Jones for the abominable slanders Barnes and the Committee heaped upon her in her old age in order to protect a shameless reprobate?

Who will "compensate" the widow and orphan child of Comrade James Brower, who would doubtless be alive today but for the persecution he endured and the financial intrigues against him growing out of the Barnes case?

Who will "compensate" Rev. E. E. Carr for his dishonorable expulsion from the Socialist Party for exposing the corruption and chicanery of Barnes and others? And who will "compensate" the **Christian Socialist** publishers for their struggles and losses resulting from this paper telling the truth and demanding honesty and decency among party officials?

MORE COMPENSATION?

The "Barnes case" started in May, 1910, with charges by Mother Jones, Miss Flaherty and James H. Brower against Barnes, including charges of immoral conduct with Lena M. Lewis and Mabel Hudson. And the evidence presented in the case was so damaging that the investigating committee and the National Executive Committee per-emptorily refused to permit the prosecution to have the copy of the minutes of the trial, which was explicitly promised them and expressly made for them. These committees also refused to print the minutes on the transparent plea of expense. Barnes was finally removed from office, after his trial on the Keep charges, with expressions of deep regret on the part of the N. E. C., but the two women have been protected and upheld in high places in the party. Owing to the refusal of officials and editors to print the testimony, the comrades in general have been so kept in ignorance of the evidence that Mrs. Lewis has been re-elected as a member of the Woman's National Committee and is permitted to lecture for the party all over the country. And Mabel Hudson has held her place as private secretary to the national secretary and secretary to the N. E. C. while in session. But now, since Barnes has been "compensated" for the exposure of his evil deeds by being elected by last-hour, steam-roller methods to the office of campaign manager, Mabel Hudson has been taken over by him as his private secretary again, and so this interesting pair are working together again in the national office at the expense of the Socialist party.

Far be it from us to suggest that there is, in all the circumstances, anything indiscreet, disgraceful or hurtful to the moral reputation of the Socialist party in this remarkable, if not infamous arrangement. If the comrades who pay dues, however, should get it into their heads that they no longer wish to support with their reputations and their cash such peculiar affairs in the national office, they are at liberty to "start something" whenever they feel like it.

THE CAPITALIST PRESS

But some timid souls may say: "Hush! Tell this to the Committees only. Don't let the capitalist press and the Roman Catholic press get hold of it."

Dear Comrades: Mother Jones, Brower, Miss Flaherty and Thomas J. Morgan told it to the N. E. C. **and kept it from the public for several months, until they were betrayed and double crossed by the Committee. All this has been told to the various Committees over and over again, but they apparently do not care whether Barnes is an adulterer or not.**

Besides, there were reporters for the capitalist press, including the Roman Catholic press, present at the Convention, and they will not fail to report this dreadful matter to our enemies.

NOTHING BUT PUBLICITY WILL MAKE THE OFFICIALS OF THE PARTY RIGHT THESE WRONGS AND SAVE THE PARTY FROM SHAME AND LOSS. LET THE TRUTH BE KNOWN TO FRIEND AND FOE.

The Socialist Party must stand by its colors whatever they are. And if Barnes is allowed to manage the Socialist Party campaign the people of America will have reason to think that the Socialists have changed the red flag of brotherhood and justice for the black flag of sexual criminality.

But some machine taught ape may object: "Oh, you oughtn't to make a fuss now during the campaign. You should have let it go till after the election."

Maybe the cunning gentlemen who engineered the creation of a new office to give Barnes a lucrative berth and the honor of managing this great campaign of 1912 counted on that. **But they missed their guess.** They can not put this infamy over on the Socialist Party now or any other time without a roar of protest from decent men and women that shall be heard from sea to sea.

THOUSANDS OF SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA WILL NOT VOTE THE SOCIALIST TICKET UNLESS THIS ACT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IS REPUDIATED.

Worthy men who are becoming Socialists will justly scorn the Socialist ticket if our campaign is managed by a convicted adulterer.

Yea, and whereas there was fair prospect of two or three million votes this year, with the burden of this shame upon the party there is danger of a mighty failure to realize the hopes of Socialists in the election returns next November.

And **UNLESS** the Socialist Party gets out from under the whole Barnes gang and all they stand for, **it OUGHT TO FAIL AND BE SUPERSEDED by a nobler party**—and it will. Therefore, let everyone who loves the Socialist Party act fearlessly now.

TO THE RESCUE, honest comrades! Write your State Secretary and to every member of the state committee. Write to Debs at Terre Haute and to Work at Chicago. Make your indignation felt at once, and start a referendum to correct this shameful error, and for fear that they may otherwise be ignored, send copies of your letters to the **Christian Socialist.**

QUESTIONS FOR DEBS

In the campaign of 1908 the campaign manager for the Democratic Party was forced to resign because he was accused of some illegality in a land deal. Now the man who has been selected by the National Convention to manage your campaign for 1912 has been **CONVICTED** of the most heinous crimes against society and the home. So completely convincing and overwhelming was the testimony against him that the old N. E. C. (much against their will, to their shame be it said), was compelled to accept his conviction and remove him from office.

SHOULD NOT THE SOCIALIST PARTY REQUIRE EVEN A HIGHER STANDARD OF PERSONAL WORTH IN ITS MANAGER THAN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

Is there any use of denying that the Socialist Party winks at the loosest sexual immorality if this convicted and impenitent adulterer is honored as the manager of the Socialist campaign?

Are you willing to run for President with a man of such unsavory record as your Campaign Manager?

If not, what are you going to do about it?

TO SOCIALIST BRANCHES

Every Socialist Branch in America that does not wish the Socialist campaign to be managed by a convicted adulterer, and who does not wish the country to think that the Socialist Party stands for adultery and free love, should **PROTEST AND KEEP PROTESTING.** "Make Rome howl," and do it quick, before it is too late to retrieve the error.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO SAVE THE SOCIALIST PARTY CAMPAIGN FROM THE BLIGHT OF BARNESISM THIS SUMMER AND FALL, YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY. THE SOONER THIS FIGHT IS OVER THE BETTER IT WILL BE FOR THE PARTY. IT A NASTY JOB, BUT IT MUST BE DONE, AND SOON.

Remember the hero's thrilling utterance in "The Servant in the House":

"By God, I count myself some'at. I'M THE DRAIN MAN, that's what I am."

Yes, unpleasant though the task may be, go to it, and save our Socialist Temple from the stench and deadly poison of Barnesism in official control.

TO STATE COMMITTEES

Comrades, by a scurvy trick during the hurried closing hours of the National Convention, because the better elements in the Convention did not know of the plan in time to organize and agitate against it, J. Mahlon Barnes, alias James Keep, the convicted adulterer, was elected as Campaign Manager of the Socialist Party. This insane deed will bring untold shame and loss to the Socialist Party if he is allowed to remain in this office. Therefore, we urge every State organization to demand a referendum on this matter and insist upon letting the comrades in general know exactly why you object; for there has been so much official lying done in defense of Barnes that the comrades throughout the party in general do not know the facts at all. **THE PARTY MUST BE SAVED FROM THIS MEASURELESS DISGRACE AND INJURY IN TIME TO OVERCOME ITS EVIL EFFECTS EARLY IN THE CAMPAIGN.**

TO THE N. E. C.

To the old members of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, Hillquit, Berger, Spargo, we urge the careful consideration of these questions: Have you not gone far enough in your efforts to protect a convicted official and to "compensate" a man for having his crimes exposed? And have you so low an estimate of the moral character of the Socialist Party comrades in general that you actually think they do not care whether their campaign manager is a convicted adulterer, or have you so low an estimate of the intelligence of the comrades that you really think you can indefinitely deceive them as to your conduct in the Barnes case? Remember that you are making a record that you must meet.

Congressman Berger should remember that he must run the gauntlet for re-election this fall—and his conduct in the Barnes case will not make good campaign material. It needs revision badly and now is the chance to do it.

To the new members of the N. E. C.: Some of you were elected largely because the comrades thought you would bravely help straighten out the Barnes case. Are you going to sit by in corrupt acquiescence or cowardly silence and see the Socialist Party disgraced before the whole nation by a Campaign Manager proven guilty of gross immorality so clearly that even the old N. E. C. could no longer deny it, and had to remove him from office? It is now time for you to show your colors.

COME OUT OF IT

Gentlemen of the N. E. C., you might as well come out of your self-imposed trance. The Barnes case is not over yet, and will not be so long as he is put forward as a national official of the party, or as a candidate. Barnesism must be denounced and renounced by the Socialist Party if the party is to gain and retain the support of intelligent and honorable men and women.

The life of the writer and of this paper, if need be, are freely offered to save the Socialist movement from the stigma of free love. Refusing to print the minutes of the two Barnes trials, lying about the testimony, and all other efforts to keep the comrades in general from learning the truth will be in vain. The truth will yet be generally known, and justice will yet be done to those who have been so wickedly victimized for exposing a condition of affairs in the national office so deplorable that Barnes had to be removed from the national secretaryship by the very ones who tried hardest to shield him.

AND AS HE WAS UTTERLY UNFIT TO BE NATIONAL SECRETARY THEN, HE IS UTTERLY UNFIT TO BE CAMPAIGN MANAGER NOW.

NOT A PERSONALITY

Neither the editor of this paper nor any of those responsible for its publication ever had any personal difficulty with Barnes. We wish him only good—real good—forever. We did not prefer charges against him, and did not mention the matter until several months of juggling by the old N. E. C. If that committee had done its manifest duty the "Barnes case" would never have known publicity.

Unhappily, we cannot condemn what Barnes stands for without condemning Barnes so long as he rushes into the limelight of party prominence, or is pushed there by Berger, Hillquit, or others whose strange and desperate defense of Barnes at the expense of personal and party honor will doubtless be fully explained some day.

Comrades, do not be deceived by the silly cry of "hounding Barnes." That is a very old, very cheap and very transparent trick. The simple fact is that unless Barnes is repudiated by the party in terms so emphatic that there can be no possible mistake about it, there will be no use of denying that the Socialist party deliberately and openly winks at free love. It is to save the party from this that we are fighting.

ATTITUDE OF THE PARTY

The comrades of the Socialist party do not stand for free love, but some of their "leaders" evidently do, and it is high time that such leaders be disowned. The party has been deceived by the false official reports of some of its "leaders." When the comrades learn the truth, they will right matters speedily.

NOT PERSECUTION

Some thoughtless people say we are "hounding Barnes." They should look into their dictionary to learn the difference between persecution and prosecution. Let the unclean beast "go away back" into obscurity. He is unfit to be placed in the limelight of party honor; and the Socialist party cannot afford to face the campaign with such a blotch upon its banner. It is the honor and success of the Socialist party and movement that we are concerned about.

SOCIALIST HEROES OF '61.

We condense the following from an exchange. It is timely reading just now when certain parties whose patriotism is the "last refuge of scoundrels" are trying to raise a hue and cry against the emblem of international brotherhood:

"Standpatters have no monopoly on the glory of '61. So-called progressives have no monopoly of the honors of '61. A smattering knowledge of the history of the abolition movement and the Civil war would save some of our smart critics from making themselves ridiculous.

"There were few Socialists in this country prior to the Civil war, and they were mostly Germans. But they were one and all in hearty accord with the Abolitionists, and when the call for volunteers was issued they were among the first to respond. In those days the chief organization of the Socialists was the Socialist Gymnastic Union, the Turners.

"'The Turners from every quarter responded to Lincoln's call for troops,' Professor Richard T. Ely of Wisconsin University writes, 'some of the unions sending more than half their numbers. In New York they organized a complete regiment in a few days, and in many places sent oneor more companies. There were three companies in the First Missouri Regiment, while the Seventeenth consisted almost altogether of Turners. It is estimated that from 40 to 50 per cent of all Turners capable of bearing arms took part in the war.'

"One of the most noted of the Socialists who served during the war was August Willich, a personal friend of Karl Marx, who enlisted at the outbreak of the war, was advanced to the rank of lieutenant, then colonel, and commissioned brigadier general in 1862.

"Robert Rosa served in the Forty-fifth New York Regiment and was advanced to the rank of major.

"So many of the Socialists enlisted and fought through the Civil war that the Socialist organizations were so weakened by their losses that it was several years after the close of the war before they resumed their activity as an organization.

"These are just a few offhand citations of facts in connection with the part Socialists played in the Civil war. Many more acts might be adduced, had we but the time to consult the records.

"Many of our early comrades went down in that bitter conflict between North and South over the slavery question. We were few in those days but none gave more freely of their strength and lives than the Socialists, men who were proud to march under the scarlet banner of brotherhood, and when any group of men we care not who they may be, attempts to use the red flag to stir up prejudice among veterans of the Civil war, we shall cry HALT."

SOCIALISM'S WHAT WE MAKE IT

By Benjamin Kosch

Let the dear old doubters say
  Socialism's this or that,—
Naughty, foolish, much astray,—
  You can floor their speeches flat.
Here's a rule that's pretty pat—
  Worst old enemy can't break it:
By our votes we all find that
  Socialism's what we make it.

Let the scoffers screech with pain
  When you loom up with your news,
Come it at 'em once again
  With a brand new set o' views.
Socialism is a good
  Economic science,—'wake it,
Legislate it, as we should—
  Socialism's what we make it.

What if some folks do get mad
  When I try to set 'em right?
If I'm careless, sort o' bad,
  To my bait they'll cease to bite.
But if I'm a peerless gent,
  They will listen, calm, an take it:
I'm my leadin' argument:
  Socialism's what we make it.

Socialism is a law
  (Social law) to save our brothers;
We're a help or we're a flaw
  In the scheme of rescuin' others.
If we're off on some wrong track,
  Let's for goodness' sake, forsake it,
To the main line hurry back—
  Socialism's what we make it.

News and Views

By WM. H. WATTS

The "respectable" thugs and plug-uglies, official and unofficial, who have been creating a reign of terror in San Diego, Cal., recently caused the Street Department to take down all the red flags used as danger signals where repairs were being made and substitute the Stars and Stripes.

Be careful, gentlemen! Be careful! It will be a sorry day for this republic when its flag becomes generally recognized as a danger signal by its own citizens, and if the time ever comes when an outraged working class meets brutality with brutality your blood be upon your own heads.

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In this connection it might be well to point out to some of the pestiferous trouble makers on the other side that public streets are dedicated to the right of free passage, and the rights of free speech and assemblage upon the streets are always exercised subject to the prior right of free passage. The streets belong to all of the people; and all of the people have the right of free and unobstructed passage over all the streets at all times. If a city council, under the plea of "congestion," passes an unreasonable ordinance restricting the times and places of holding outdoor meetings the proper thing to do is to let just one speaker be arrested and then carry the case to the higher courts. This would show that we are peaceable and law-abiding people, willing to submit our disputes to the proper tribunals and would open a wide opportunity for advertising and propagating our principles without arousing unnecessary opposition.

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The editor of the Ohio State Journal, published at Columbus, Ohio, recently printed the following item:

"The other day, having occasion to consult Karl Marx's book on 'Capital,' we visited the Carnegie Library and asked for it. The librarian looked for it, but finally said: 'It is out; some Ohio State University student has it.' So he kindly phoned the State Library for us, and pretty soon we were informed their copy had been taken out by some O. S. U. student. Then he phoned the School Library and was promptly informed some O. S. U. student had their copy. So the study these days is along economic and social lines. It is largely among the possibilities of the future, if the situation elsewhere is the same as here, that Socialism is going to be a foremost discussible subject. And it is also probable that the young student's mind is 'nuts and raisins' for the glacial argument of Karl Marx. Some may say that it is all right or all wrong, but who can stop a conflict of ideas? Who wants to?"

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"How many of us know that one of the best penitentiaries in the world is in the Philippines, near Manila? It is under the department of education and trains thousands of Filipinos who would in many countries be considered and certainly become dangerous criminals. It grew out of an attempt to relieve the congestion in Bilibid prison, and takes the form of a penal colony on Palawan, one of the smaller islands. The colonists themselves cleared the virgin forest and put up the buildings. There are no locks on the doors and the American officers carry no weapons, the only persons armed being a few of the prisoners themselves, who are trained as policemen. Men who are serving long sentences but whose conduct has been good are allowed to send for their families, are allotted land and permitted to build homes and cultivate their ground in leisure hours. So successful has the scheme proved that some men who have served their time prefer to stay on the island, subject to the regular discipline. They are allowed to do so if they wish, and of course increase the wholesome atmosphere which surrounds new arrivals. The Episcopal clergyman in charge of the settlement work of St. Luke's Church, Manila, is the special agent for the colony and is enthusiastic in praise of it."—Congregationalist and Christian World.

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WHAT SHALL THE STANDARD BE?

Dear Comrades:

There is no power on earth so invincible as an army of men and women who KNOW they are in the right.

Denunciations and rebuffs, loss of friendship and personal sacrifices only serve to spur them on to more loyal service.

The Christian Socialist and its many thousand readers, while standing for the scientific principles of Marxian Socialism stand also for the recognition of **ETHICAL** principles which the Commonwealth we would inaugurate must embody in order to win and endure.

In other words, **Christian Socialism** stands for the scientific application and the practical realization of all that is pure and good in Socialism and in all fraternal and religious organizations, Co-operation, Brotherhood, Purity.

"Righteousness—right doing—exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

It is here we take our stand. There is no doubt in our minds concerning our duty in the battle now on. There is no room for doubt.

The challenge is to every comrade in the movement who would not do honor to moral obliquity. The white flag of purity must float side by side with the red flag of Brotherhood, and it is ours to keep it planted there.

There is greater need now than ever to spread the principles for which the **Christian Socialist** stands. The moral element of the Party, which we believe is in the large majority, must now assert itself if we would win the moral element of the nation which is also in the large majority.

Are you asking **when** to take this stand and **how?**

RIGHT NOW the power of your united strength is needed not only in fearless expression but by financial support in the demands of this paper for a pure Socialism and in its efforts to permeate the religious world with such a message!

This is not a time for furloughs nor for excuses. Every soldier should report **ON DUTY** at once.

THE CALL IS FOR ONE DOLLAR THIS WEEK FROM EVERY COMRADE IN THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT WHO BELIEVES THAT THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR GREAT CAUSE SHOULD BE COMRADES WHOSE LIVES REFLECT THE PRINCIPLES OF HONOR AND UPRIGHTNESS.

Are you going to admit that this standard is too high for the Socialist Party? Your response to **this call** will be your reply!

Comrades, just **one dollar** this week from every man of you would enable us to carry this banner into every ward and local of the nation.

In some instances even **one dollar** will **mean sacrifice**; but is it not worth sacrifice? Just **one dollar**, not as a donation, mind you, but **one dollar** from each present subscriber of the **CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST** INVESTED in the very best propaganda literature for this campaign **AT LESS THAN HALF RATE!**

We have the literature, you have the money.

We need the money, you need the literature.

Just this **one dollar** from each and every reader this week will enable us to treble our influence; to put out half a dozen splendid propaganda books and leaflets, and to reach thousands of Christian people who are looking for the message of Socialism from their own viewpoint.

Comrades, are you with us? Do you wish us to continue in our efforts—first, to raise the standard of the Socialist Party, and, second, to Socialize the religious world?

This paper is nearing a crisis! We cannot carry this financial burden alone. Without a prompt and generous response this week we shall be compelled to return at least to a semi-monthly. With an immediate hearty and universal response, you will enable us to go on and help make the Socialist Party the greatest missionary as well as political movement in the world.

HOW TO INVEST YOUR DOLLAR.

1. Help to secure that 50,000 subscribers to the **CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST** for this campaign.

To make this easily possible and more and put this greatest of all Socialist propaganda papers into the homes of every minister, priest, Sunday school superintendent, Y. M. C. A. secretary and every susceptible layman, business or laboring man, we are now giving you the greatest offer ever made—

FOR 25c WE WILL SEND THE **CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST** TO ANY ADDRESS FROM NOW ON TO NOV. 21, (22 WEEKS—MORE THAN 5 MONTHS, IF ACCEPTED AT ONCE) RUNNING UNTIL AFTER THE CAMPAIGN IS OVER AND THE RETURNS ARE IN, A TIME OF SUPREME IMPORTANCE FOR PROPAGANDA—WORTH MORE THAN MANY DAYS AFTER CAMPAIGN.

YOUR ONE DOLLAR will send this valuable paper to four of your friends. If Socialism is worth a dollar to you and if your friends are worth 25 cents each you will not fail to respond to this great offer at once.

2. Help to spread pure, convincing Socialist literature among religious people, the greatest need of the hour.

In order that we might induce not less than 10,000 loyal comrades to help in this crisis and thus hasten the social salvation of the world through Christian Socialism, we are making you the following remarkable special June "clearance sale" offers.

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THEY MUST, OR GOD IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY, by Dr. Herman Kutter of Zurich. Startling, convincing. The voice of a true prophet. Price	$0.60
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Comrades, if each and every one of you will invest your dollar in one or more of these great offers NOW, THIS WEEK, BY RETURN MAIL, we promise you the greatest, best campaign in paper, books, lecture staff ever made for humanity.

Have we not been sleeping long enough?

Is it not time to do BIG things for God and humanity?

SHALL NOT THIS WEEK MARK ONE OF THE GREATEST STRIDES THE WORLD HAS EVER MADE FOR HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH SINCE HIS COMING 2,000 YEARS AGO?

We believe it will.

HARVEY P. MOYER, President.

International Sunday School Lessons

By Rev. Wm. A. Prosser, Pastor Ames M. E. Church, 4045 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

LESSON FOR JUNE 16

Christ's Witness to John the Baptist. Matt. 11:2-19; Luke 7:18-35

GOLDEN TEXT: Among them that are born of women there is none greater than John; yet he that is but little in the kingdom of God is greater than he. Luke 7:28.

Jesus paid a deserving tribute to the worth of John the Baptist. His eulogy was a true measure of the man who made it, and of him of whom it was made. Jesus asked the multitude what they went out into the wilderness to see. Was it a mere "reed" shaken by the winds? No. Was it a man dressed in "soft raiment"? No; for such live not in a wilderness, but in palaces. Was it a prophet? Yes, it was, and much more than a mere foreteller of events. It was a "messenger of God" with a message, a forerunner of the Messiah who shall prepare the way for His coming, a Heralder of the Kingdom of God. I solemnly declare unto you, among them born of women none is greater in message and character than John the Baptist. He is great and his greatness is proved by his words, deeds and moral heroism. John was deserving of every word of this exalted and sincere eulogy.

It is not amiss to lay tributes of love on the caskets and graves of the heroic dead, to erect monuments to their memory and to eulogize their character and deeds on anniversary occasions; but it is infinitely more fitting to do all this while the heroes live and can be refreshed and stimulated by the devotion. Militant moral heroes stand in far greater need of tributes of praise and gratitude while they live than when dead. Jesus followed this practice. He paid honor where honor was due; and paid it while John still lived. It shows Jesus' insight into the worth of heroic human service and his absolute fair and unselfish desire to pay tribute to human greatness, dead or living. True greatness is never jealous of contemporary greatness. All men are brave enough to praise great dead men (it is safe to do that), but few are great and unselfish enough to praise the living great. John was great; Jesus was great, and they both paid glowing tributes to each other's worth.

John's Message

John was a great preacher. He delivered a great message enforced by burning convictions and moral character. He was clear, definite and convincing.

In point of priority and emphasis his first demand was, "Repent ye." Matthew says: "John came, saying, 'Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Mark and Luke say that John came preaching "the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins." John baptized, but neither the fact nor the mode of his baptism are the points of emphasis. His baptism was only a public confession of a private repentance that had already taken place in the heart of the candidate. Hence, his point of emphasis was not baptism, but repentance.

The word repent (metanoeo) means "a change in frame of mind and feeling;" "a change in principle and practice;" "a reversal of the past." John used the word in his preaching with its full meaning. He demanded a repentance that should show itself in fruit (a change of life), worthy of repentance. He demanded from every candidate for baptism, for initiation into his preparatory school for the Messiah, a character-evidence of the genuineness of his repentance. And, judging from the gospel, the change he demanded was not so much personal as social. The sins he condemned were not such as we waste our energy on today, "drinking, card playing, dancing, theater-going," etc., but the weightier things—tight-fistedness to the detriment of the poor, over-taxation, violence and false accusations for gain and exploitation. Read again his demands to the various groups that came to him recorded in Luke 3:7-14. These are social sins. They cannot be practiced without injury to society. It was these sins that John denounced and demanded that every one guilty of them should repent. A full compliance with John's demands would mean the overthrow of the social system then existing; it would mean a social revolution.

That John's demand for personal repentance of social sins had a social revolution in full view is evidenced by the second point in his sermons. "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" is his clarion call. Repentance and the kingdom are hitched together in the same thought and sentence. Change your mode of feeling and practice now, for a new social order is coming soon—nay, is now at hand—in which your present mode of mind and life cannot stand. All unfit to enter when it comes must be shut out and destroyed. This is a cold psychological and social fact. New men need a social order and a new social order needs new men. They are interdependent, and progress along one line must be in due proportion to the other.

John's Influence

John soon became famous. His fame spread abroad in all the land. Persons from all ranks came to him. Saint and sinners, officials and laity, rich and poor, learned and illiterate came to hear his message. Jesus came unto him both to hear and receive from his hands baptism. John soon secured a large following and built up an influential school.

The crowds were made up, in the main, of two classes, the rulers with their lackeys, and the ruled, with their sore hearts and perplexed minds. The oppressed multitudes John received kindly and treated with compassion. These went out to John with honest purpose, embraced his teachings, espoused his cause and were baptized (initiated) and became disciples of his school. The ruling classes did not go out to him with honest purpose, but to spy. They saw a storm arising, and then wanted to know its source and nature. They went out with preconceived notions on orthodox theology, with calloused hearts and bloody hands. They went not to repent nor to be baptized, and there is no account in the "Synoptic Gospels" that they did. John knew this class and foresaw that they came not for good, but for evil. Hence when he saw the scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees come to him he opened his gatling guns on them in this fashion: "Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth, therefore, fruit worthy of repentance; and think not to say with yourselves, We have Abraham for our father; for I say unto you that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And even now is the ax laid unto the root of the tree; every tree therefore that bringeth forth not good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."